their freedom? Answer - I did not.

7th Do you know whether Betty Mingoes Mother was a free or white Woman, or did you ever hear Mrs Pile say that she was

Ans.r During the time I lived with Mrs Pile I one day asked her whether Betty Mingoes Mother Mother was a white Woman " her Answer was " Betty says so".

8th Did you ever hear Mrs Smith or her daughter Mrs Dorothy Boarman say that the Petitioners Family were entitled to their Freedom?

Ans.r I ~~did~~ never did

Sarah Boarman

Charles County sc.t Sep.r 30th 1794.

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for said County Sarah Boarman, and on oath gave the several Answers to the within Interrogatories thereto annexed.

Walter Dyson

Charles County sc. Sep.r 30th 1794 I do hereby certify that both the petitioner and Defendant were present when the within Interrogatories were put, and the Answers made thereto, and that the same was done between the hours of nine and five agreeably to Mr Pile's Notice to the petitioner In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

Walter Dyson

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Petitioners Interrogatories to Sarah Boarman aged forty one years who on Oath gave the following Answers annexed thereto, these Interrogatories are signed by G Duvall for Complainant. Viz.t

1st Do you know the parties to this Suit and how long have you known them?

Answer. I know Mr Pile one of the parties to this Suit and have known him from his Childhood. — ~~and have known him about ten years; I also know Robert the Petitioner~~

2nd Do you know the mother of the Petitioner and how long have you known her?

Answer. I know the Mother of the petitioner and have known her about thirty years

3d Do you know the Grandmother of the petitioner and how long have you known her?

Answer. I know the Grandmother of the Petitioner and have known her about thirty years.

4th Do you know Betty Mingo a Mulatto Woman who formerly lived with Mr Pile Mother to the Defendant, if

if yea, when and how long did you know her; and did you know or have you heard and from whom, and when that Betty Mingo was descended from a white Woman? Relate your knowledge fully and freely.

Answer. I knew her about thirty years ago when I lived with Aunt Pile, and during the time I lived there I one day asked her Aunt Pile whether Betty Mingoe's Mother was a White Woman and her Answer was, Betty says so". Sarah Boarman

Charles County sc.t October 15th 1794 personally appeared before Me one of the Justices of the peace for said County Sarah Boarman and on Oath gave the several Answers annexed to the above Interrogatories.

Walter Dyson.

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Robert Thomas vs Henry Pile	Petition for freedom in the General Court.

William Swann aged sixty years being duly sworn ~~on~~ maketh the several Answers annexed to the following Interrogatories.

1st Do you know the Petitioner in this Suit & how long and did you know his Ancestors & how long and have they and each of them always been held and reputed as Slaves?

Answer. I know the petitioner in this Suit, and have known him about four or five years. I also know his Mother and have known her about the same length of time & they & each of them have always been held & reputed as Slaves.

2nd Did you know or have you generally understood that Mary Curtis had a Mulatto Bastard, and who was the reputed Father?

Ans.r I have generally understood that Mary Curtis had a Mulatto Bastard and that a certain Mulatto Man commonly called Charles Mingo was said to be the Father of said Bastard

3d Was Charles Mingo the reputed Father of said Bastard a slave to whom, and was he the Son of a Woman called Betty Mingo, or generally so reputed to be? or was he reputed to be of the same family with the petitioner?

Ans.r Charles Mingo the reputed Father of said Bastard was held as a Slave by a certain Thomas Lameson of Charles County and I have always understood that he was Brother to the Woman called Betty Mingo.

4th Was Mary Curtis sold as a Servant, and to whom, for being the Mother of a Bastard Child? was the said Mary Curtis of a good or bad General Character & reputation?

Ans.r Mary Curtis was sold as a Servant by St Mary's County Court to a certain James Swann of St Mary's County for bringing a Mulatto Bastard Child, and that she served him